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## **VIA ECFS**

Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Communication: WC Docket No. 09-197

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 12, 2011, Pat McDonough, General Manager of i-wireless, LLC's ("i-wireless" or the "Company") Access Wireless, Lifeline division, met with staff from the Wireline Competition Bureau's Telecommunications Access Policy Division ("TAPD") to discuss the Lifeline program and i-wireless' pending Compliance Plan. TAPD staff present in the meeting were Trent Harkrader, Chief, TAPD; Vickie Robinson, Deputy Chief, TAPD; Joseph Cavendish, Attorney Advisor, TAPD; and Romanda Williams, Attorney Advisor, TAPD. During this meeting, discussion centered on the state of the Lifeline program, the Commission's NPRM on Lifeline and Link Up Reform, compliance issues such as the 60-day non-usage policy, the national database and the one phone per household rule, and additional support for the further evaluation of i-wireless' compliance environment and Compliance Plan. i-wireless intends to respond to the NPRM.

i-wireless would welcome approval of its Compliance Plan conditioned upon i-wireless' compliance with upcoming reform regarding the Lifeline program; i-wireless has already committed to comply with future changes in regulations. i-wireless' Compliance Plan and subsequent voluntary commitments demonstrate that the Company has taken appropriate steps to ensure program integrity and should be granted the opportunity to introduce much-needed competition into the prepaid wireless ETC market, ensuring that low-income customers have access to a broader array of Lifeline services during this period of extended economic hardship.

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Prompt approval of the Company's Compliance Plan and outstanding request for ETC designation will advance the program's goals and serve the public interest. i-wireless respectfully requests approval of its pending Compliance Plan and ETC designation request without further delay.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Pat McDonough Trent Harkrader Vickie Robinson John Nakahata